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DATE : August 30, 2004
SUBJECT : U.S. Patent Application No. 09/940,460 in the name of T. CHIKADA, entitled "Battery Pack" for Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.; Our Ref: P21398

Dear Mr. Ishihara:

Further to our telephone conversation of today, August 30, 2004, please find attached a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement for the above-identified patent application.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Bruce H. Bernstein/BP

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Tatsuhisa CHIKADA

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Appl. No. : 09/940,460

Examiner : Tracy M. DOVE

Filed : August 29, 2001

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For : BATTERY PACK

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, pursuant to several telephone conversations with the Examiner, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on July 7, 2004, Applicant hereby notes a Chinese Office Action from the Chinese Patent Office that was mailed on May 28, 2004, and submits an English language translation of the same, with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent Application No. CN 01125261.8, in which the Chinese Patent Examiner cited the following document:

Chinese Patent Application Publication No. CN 1227002, which was published on August 25, 1999, together with patent family member International Patent Application Publication No. WO 98/40918, which was published on September 17, 1998.

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The relevance of this document, as ascertained by the Chinese Examiner applying Chinese rules to the Chinese claims are set forth in the Chinese Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Applicant notes that copies of the above-noted patent documents were submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 7, 2004, and thus additional copies are not being provided herewith. However, to complete the record and to enable the Examiner to more fully consider the foreign language documents, a copy of the Chinese Office Action together with an English language translation of the same are attached hereto. Applicant notes that the English language translation describes the relevance of the non-English language patent documents, and thus requests that the Examiner consider the documents pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(3)(i). The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant furthermore certify, that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant notes that the above-noted documents were previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on July 7, 2004 for which the fee of \$180.00 was paid, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if any fee is necessary, the undersigned hereby authorizes

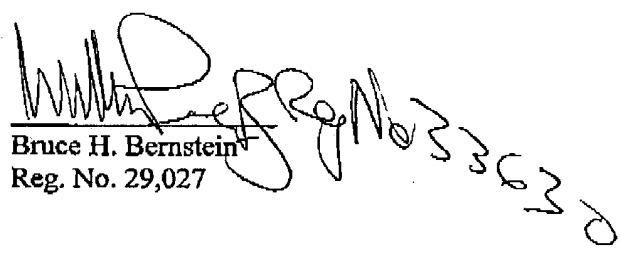
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the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material, including any fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for her cooperation and requests that the initialed PTO-1449 Form be faxed to (703) 716-1180.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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